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EDITORIAL

Well the new Arms Amendment Act is now law and the new "regulation" defining a pistol grip as applied to an MSSA has been published. Judging by some of the queries I have received it seems that the new definition has only served to confuse some people.

Perhaps the good news is that the Police have now realised that the automobile is a greater threat to public safety, with many more people killed and maimed by these deadly machines compared to firearms and are going to apply a similar licensing regime to motorists as now apply to firearm owners. See story on page 8. However, before you run off to make submissions to your MP, dwell a pause and note the date of implementation. One wonders whether if this were a true story it would result in more protest than our latest Arms Act!

My thanks to all of you who have contributed material for this edition. Best Wishes for the New Year.

Phil

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*******WITH A NEW SEARCH ENGINE ADDED*******

The following information pages have been added or updated in the past month: Captured Arms: NZAR ID 451, 452, 453, 454 Gun Shows & Auctions Articles : e-Gazette Mk II past issues for 2013, 2012 & 2011. No 1-36

Members are also working on info pages for the Colt M 1878 revolver, GPMG and Besa MG. If you own any of these items with New Zealand provenance we would be pleased to hear from you.

Your comments or additional information is always welcome.

AN INTERESTING BAYONET by Phil Cregeen © 2013

An update on last month. Mike in Rotorua sent me images of an original Sten Mk I Bayonet (Top) which I have shown with a reproduction (bottom) for comparison.



Both Allan and Derek told me about original bayonets currently for sale in the US as described here:

Someone was surprised there wasn't more discussion a few days ago about the cache of Sten bayonets that have turned up. I'll just comment that they are indeed genuine. No question about it at all. I have examined a pretty good number of them from Apex. They are pretty tight lipped about the number that they have and where they came from. They did tell me that they came from a former Commonwealth arsenal and that the arsenal didn't realize that the bayonets were scarce.

Apex has realized that they have the Sten bayonets way under priced. If you want one, grab it fast. They told me they are raising the prices soon as their supply is running low. They have set aside a few with the letter z on the side that they think are particularly rare and are selling them for a higher price. I personally don't think the Z or L on the side has much significance, but I'm not sure what it means either. The markings on the bayonets vary widely. So, if you want a particular marking on it, you need to ask them.

Unfortunately Apex will not ship overseas.



AN INTERESTING BAYONET By Marco Cornuda © 2013

A Papal bayonet for the Guardia Palatina d'Onore

This is a bayonet for the *Guardia Palatina d'Onore* (Honourable Guard of Palace) of the State of Vatican.



It has the following dimensions:

Total length:	493 mm.
Ricasso width:	24.6 mm.
MRD:	18.3 mm.

This bayonet has been made, in 500 exemplars only, by shortening the bayonet for the Papal Remington Rolling Block rifle used by Pontifical Infantry,





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Blade length:

Scabbard length:

Ricasso thickness: 7 mm.

370 mm.

385 mm.

Rack number on my bayonet

but it has been used with the Remington Carbines previously provided for Papal Police Corp with a socket bayonet after they have been modified by an addiction of a lug on the barrel.



This item has been manufactured by the Nagant Brothers in Belgium as you can see by the marks on the top of the pommel (**S under crown** and **circled A**) and on the scabbard (**ELN** for Emil and Leon Nagant).



FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe © 2013

This time around the focus is on a new item which you may well find interesting and be able to add to your own collections with little effort and no cost.

The New Zealand Defense Service Medal is available for issue to those who qualify. I have added information from the NZDF website on eligibility below and also the web site address if you need to pursue this further which spells out the criteria quite clearly.

The existence of the NZDSM was brought to my attention when one of the Sparkies I work with went off for a weekend reunion with his old RNZEME buddies and came home with a trio of medals for Operational service in Somalia back in the 1990's which included a NZDSM. He obligingly brought them into work for me to have a look and also directed me to the appropriate web site for further research.



The NZDSM and miniature pictured are my Fathers which arrived in

the mail last week and as can be seen has a CMT signifying Compulsory Military Training. Packed in a very nice box, engraved with service number and name as well as being mounted ready for wear this is something well worth pursuing.

NZ DEFENCE SERVICE MEDAL ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility requirements by type of service for the award of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal are:

- For Regular Force personnel (Navy/Army/Air Force): three years accumulated service in the New Zealand military after 3 September 1945.

- For Territorial Forces personnel (Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve, New Zealand Naval Volunteer Territorial Army, Territorial Force, Force Reserve): three years accumulated 'efficient' service in the New Zealand military after 3 September 1945.

- For Compulsory Military Training (CMT) personnel (from 1950-59): completion of obligations under the Military Training Act 1949 and Amendments.

- For National Service personnel (from 1962-72): completion of obligations under the National Military Service 1961 and Amendments.

Short Service Qualifications

- Members of J Force (Japan) or K (Korea): completion of 12 months or more service after 3 September 1945; and/or completion of initial engagement.

- Personnel still serving on a 2NZEF engagement on or after 3 September **1946** (i.e. 12 months after the end of World War Two).

In special cases certain shorter periods of service will also qualify for the medal when there are deserving circumstances. For example:

- When a service person dies while in service, is medically discharged due to a total and permanent disability before completing three years service, or is medically discharged for any other reason after completion of 12 months service.

- The medal will also be awarded to those personnel discharged through no fault of their own when their service was no longer required as a member of the Armed Forces.

- CMT and National Service personnel will also be eligible for the medal if they were given a waiver of completion of service by the Secretary of Labour or Minister of Labour, or did not complete their training because the CMT or National Service scheme ended while they were still under training.

Go to the below web site to fill out a form online <u>http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz</u>

150th Anniversary Commemorations of the Battle of Rangiriri 20 November 2013 by John Osborne



Dawn Blessing of Pou Whenua, which are carved posts placed strategically on the land to acknowledge and represent the relationship between Tāngata Whenua (the people of the land), their ancestors and their environment or tūrangawaewae (place of standing). They mark the ancestral and contemporary associations between the people (tāngata) and the land (whenua), and as such are very significant to both Māori and their contribution to New Zealand's cultural heritage and identity.



Maori Warriors perform a Haka



New Zealand Army Colour Guard and 65th Regiment Reenactment Group.

Rangiriri Cemetery - Memorial Service to the Fallen - 1.30pm 20 Nov 2013



Representatives of Tainui Warriors with their traditional dress and arms-Taiaha, Tewhatewha & Mere, facing Soldiers with their present day Steyr rifles

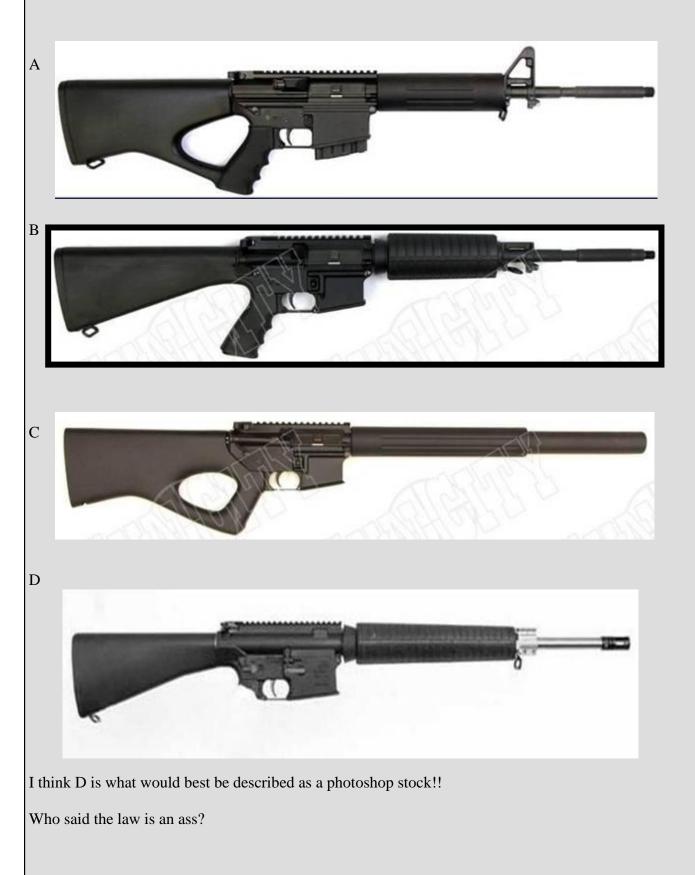


A MORE DANGEROUS FIREARM

If you had trouble working out which of the rifles below was so much more dangerous, (B) you need to visit:

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2013/0464/latest/whole.html

I hope you don't get confused by all the "grips" that are being gripped. But since it takes so many words to define a pistol grip I am surprised that they have not also defined a "thumb hole" and a "Dragunov". And I though this was all about making the definition of an MSSA more simple and clear!!!



Breaking news - firearms laws to form basis of improved driver licensing regime

By Gary Elmes

Confident that the new laws regarding airguns and military style firearms will lead to a significant reduction in crime, the police have announced that the lessons learned from our updated firearms laws are to be applied to driver licensing.

"People need to accept that driving a motor vehicle is a privilege, not a right," explained Inspector John Red, manager of the newly formed Office of Driver and Vehicle Control, when announcing the new initiative.

The most fundamental change is the introduction of a "fit and proper person" test for driver licences. All applicants for a driver licence will need to satisfy a police officer that they are fit and proper before being issued a licence. Police will also have the ability to revoke a driver's licence at any time if, in their opinion, he or she ceases to be a fit and proper person to drive a vehicle. Applicants will not be considered fit and proper if, for example, they are believed to abuse drugs, have gang affiliations, be involved in matrimonial discord, or show signs of mental ill health. To prevent such people from gaining illicit access to motor vehicles, those who cohabit with them will also not be eligible for driver licences.

"This is fundamental to the new strategy for reducing vehicle-related fatalities," Explained Inspector Red. "The existing approach, of police having to go to court to prove that someone should lose their licence, is too cumbersome and errorprone. Giving police the discretion to take someone off the road when we believe that they present a danger to others is key to us bringing the road toll down."

Categorisation of motor vehicles will also be tightened. A new class of vehicle will be introduced – the Motor-Sport Style Automobile. Drivers will require an additional endorsement on their licence before being allowed to possess and drive such vehicles. The police will have considerable discretion as to when to issue such an endorsement, and will have the power to impose special conditions on the use of such vehicles. Inspector Red indicated that they will only be issued to people who have demonstrated a clear need to drive sporting vehicles.

"Each case will be individually assessed on its merits, of course," said Red. "But endorsements will only be granted to genuine racing drivers, and we will be imposing conditions that these especially dangerous cars are only used on properly managed racing tracks."

A car will be classed as a Motor-Sport Style Automobile if it has an automatic gearbox and one or more of the following features:

A carburettor air-scoop,

An adjustable aerofoil,

A painted speed-stripe,

A fuel tank capable of, or which appears capable of, holding more than seven litres of fuel.

The fuel tank limitation is considered particularly important by police. "We are involved in many car chases that carry on for far longer than they should because of the excessive amounts of fuel that can be stored in modern sports cars," explains Inspector Red. "Seven litres is more than enough for a car to travel from one petrol station to the next, so legitimate car users have no real need for larger tanks."

Responding to concerns of ambiguity as to what paint patterns would be regarded as speed stripes, Inspector Red explained that the term would be carefully defined in separate regulations. "We fully expect car manufacturers to push the boundaries in terms of what is and what isn't a speed stripe. Defining the term in regulations will allow the police to respond quickly, with updated regulations, to new developments in car exterior decoration. We do recognise the importance of having clear and simple rules about what kind of exterior embellishments are regarded as speed stripes," he continued, "and we're confident that the regulation defining this will not extend beyond seven pages."

Asked about how the public was likely to respond to these changes, Inspector Red responded: "I'm sure that many petrol -head speed freaks will oppose the new laws, selfishly putting their perceived right to drive whatever cars they want ahead of public safety. But we're confident that responsible drivers will support the initiative."

A final comment from Inspector Red: "Most people will accept that the police can be trusted to use these new powers responsibly. We will be targeting the irresponsible hoons and taking them off the road. Ordinary, law abiding drivers have nothing to fear."

The new laws are scheduled to come into effect on 1st April next year.

UPDATE ON TAPAWERA EMBLEM from Maurice Taylor

The Regimental Emblem of the 12th Nelson, Marlborough & West Coast Regt has now been restored in stone above the original training grounds and camps that were held first by the Volunteers. These were Nelson City Company, Wiamea Rifles, Stoke Rifles and H Battery plus the Wakatu Mounted Rifles. On the transition to Territorial in November 1911 they became 10th Mounted rifles.

A dedication is planned for the 22 of February 2014 on the same unchanged fields, with re-enactment groups and the Territorials, who will duly fire ceremonial volleys to the servicemen who had trained here at Tapawera over the years, R S A and Museum and dignitaries. All accompanied by the Nelson City Brass Band. After the dedication there will be in the evening a Variety theatre Music Hall in a near by Hall built in 1906 and internally little changed. So I'm going for a no micro phone authentic mix of rye humour turns and songs plus a few renditions of Kipling or Paterson, "Daisy Daisy", "Good By Dolly Gray" and the like. Much as the troops might have got together in that same hall all those years ago. It should be a good and a fitting tribute to the anniversary of WW1.

One long serving band member 94 year old Maurice Abrahams, who's family incidentally are interested to know more of the several Abrahams who served over the years in the NZ Army, told me he was at the Camp of 1933 as a Cadet Bandsman. One of his tasks was to hold the tin of whitewash for the men who freshened up the original stones. Maurice went on to serve in WW2 in North Africa, and the remainder of the War.

HAWKES BAY CANNON FUN from Robin Back

The cannon is situated at Matapiro Homestead just outside of Hastings and has been a feature of the station gardens for may many years, I first saw this cannon when I was visiting there back in the 60's, The cannon has W J Hall and a crown embossed on the top of the barrel near the breech end, The previous owners of the station (whom I knew personally) told me that it came out to NZ as 'ships ballast' and was dumped overboard at a place called Porangahau in HB before the ship was loaded with wool to take back to England, this would have probably taken place way back in the last century, the cannon was retrieved from the surf/sea by the previous owners friends and it has been in Matapiro ever since.

A HB branch member Lex Severinsen and a group of enthusiasts went out to Matapiro recently to "set the old girl alight" they loaded it with very old powder and the first pic shows lots of smoke, the other pic is of a different powder load, I believe they used a baked bean tin full of concrete as a 'cannonball. And it went some 200 metres distant.



St Barbera's Day Remembered from Phil Moore

On Sunday 1 December, several members of Canterbury Branch went to Godly Head to put on a display for the Canterbury Ex Gunners Assn. to celebrate St Barbera's day, the patron saint of Gunners, Miners, Engineers and explosive workers, and also the public at large and hosted by Peter Wilkins, the President of the Godley Head Trust. All weapons and equipment were supplied by members and the theme was the Home Guard, 1942.



There will be no printed catalogue for this auction

South Canterbury Branch Auction 2014

To be held at the Greyway Lounge, Timaru Raceway, Sunday 6 April

While the organisers have catalogued certain items, others have been accepted using the vendor's description. Intending buyers should carefully read the auction terms.

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Although every effort has been made by the Vendor(s) to describe each item fairly and accurately, no warranty is given, and neither the organisers, the South Canterbury Branch NZAHAAI, the Auctioneer are responsible for the authenticity of any item or faults in any lot.

The highest bidder shall be the buyer at the "hammer price" and any dispute shall be settled at the Auctioneer's absolute discretion. A limited electronic payment facility will be available at the auction but cash or cheque is preferred (All electronic transactions will incur a surcharge) There is no buyer's premium charged.

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We ask postal bidders be aware of and strictly follow the general conditions outlined on the postal bidding form. Agreement to make immediate payment for successful bids is a condition of participation. Also of particular importance is the need to understand the difficulties of sending ammunition. We will work with you but our preference is that you arrange for all ammunition purchases to be uplifted by someone attending on the day.

Successful postal bidders only will be notified within a week of the auction and able to pay by direct credit banking to our account.

MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST:

Current members and their guest are only allowed entry to the auction / Swap day. Prospective members as a guest are welcomed on the day at the discretion of the Committee. The guest will not be allowed to bid at the auction, also they must produce their firearms licence before being allowed to buy any firearms or ammunition at the sales tables, as proof will be requested before the sale is completed.

ORGANIZATION MATTERS FOR THE DAY:

Months leading up to the auction / swap day there will be more information in the e-Gazette about the time table, registration, catering etc..

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR CATALOGUE

CATALOGUE

- 1 **Gun Flask**. Patent top, external spring 20cm. overall, leather covered nickel silver top, unsigned, stamped "improved patent", 2 1/2 to 3 ½ drams. Mint condition, quality obvious.
- 2 **Shot flask**, German silver nozzle, pseudo hall marks, James Dixon Sheffield on lever, 1 and 1 1/4 oz. Black leather with original hanging strap Near Mint condition.
- 3 **Gun Flask** Patent top, external spring, G +J.W. Hawkesley, 2 1/4 to 3 drams, roped net pattern with hanging game panel, excellent condition.
- 4 **Accessory** 12 g. reloadable chamber with percussion nipple to be used in a breech loader, excellent condition.
- 5 Accessory Brass double ended pocket shot carrier with hinged brass end plates stamped Dixon and Sons and 1 ¹/₄ oz. Excellent.
- 6 Accessory Unusual one piece hard wood 12 gauge cleaning rod excellent.
- 7 Accessory Case extractor, 12 gauge, with insert for entering ruptured case, James Dixon and Sons, Sheffield. Excellent.
- 8 Accessory Shooters leather pouch for cartridges, wads, whatever, unsigned, excellent.
- 9 Accessory Loading funnel, nickel silver by Dixon. 7cm. overall, 3.5 cm. wide excellent.
- 10 Accessory Case trimmer, 12 gauge, brass body, disc type cutter with spring, ebony handled, unsigned, excellent.
- 11 Acessories (2) cleaning rod 12 gauge,2 piece ebony? brass fittings and one piece rifle cleaning rod both excellent.
- 12 **Shooter's pocket knife**, extractors for 12 and 14 gauge, hook, corkscrew, tweezers, simulated staghorn grip, embossed "Spratt's Patent" and "Sheffield" excellent.
- 13 **Hunting Knife** 21 cm. overall, 9cm. blade stamped Solingen, antler handle, with original German silver mounted leather scabbard. Very high quality item. Excellent.
- 14 Accessory Chamber brush, 12 g. German silver mounts and protector sleeve. Horn handle, unsigned but high quality good condition.
- 15 **Memento** Medallion commemorating N.Z.A.H.A.A. 50 years anniversary 1959_2009, in original velvet lined, hinged wooden case mint condition.
- 16 **Pamphlets** Information to accompany WWII medals and decorations.
- 17 **Trench Art.** World War I. letter opener, inscribed "Reims" (sic) handle in form of Mauser round excellent.
- 18 Iron Cross World War I
- 19 **Card** from inside ammunition tin that holds two 3.7 inch anti aircraft shells.
- 20 Ammunition Full pkt.(25) Eley .410 x 21/2 cartridges, brown and yellow label.

- 21 Accessory Powder and shot measure, cylindrical with movable inner piston, graduated to 3oz. and 4 drams, unsigned, excellent.
- 22 Accessory Case trimmer, 12 gauge scissors type with disc type insert, numbered 12052, rare item, good condition.
- 23 **Black Powder** one pound unopened Curtis and Harvey in original brown paper unopened wrapper. Grain size unknown . Excellent.
- 24 Leather Straps for outside leather shotgun case fair to good condition.
- 25 **Grips** for Ruger revolver with emblem and grips for a 1907 bayonet. Ordinance marked good condition.
- 26 Accessory Small hemispherical dipper for powder, shot, or molten metal, perhaps a very small ice cream? Wooden handle, unusual item.
- 27 Gun Screws Hundreds, all kinds, some Colt and Winchester.
- 28 Snap Caps 12 gauge nickel plated , unsigned, excellent.
- 29 **Percussion Cap** a very rare large embossed percussion cap, possibly for Smith's patent Imperial nipples or similar a true oddity.
- 30 **Mixed lot** plastic box containing keys, strikers, flints, barrel bands, cleaning jags, silver wire and plate etc. for the gun restorer.
- 31 Striker key For shotgun, S bend shank, ebony handle, good condition.
- 32 **Bore gauges(2)** For checking muzzle size, one aluminium and one brass.
- 33 Striker key For shotgun, straight shank ebony handle, good condition.
- 34 **Book, Smith W. and J.** The Book of Rifles, Castle, New York, 4th. Edition 1977 . d.j. 689pp. .Very good condition.
- 35 **Book**, Taylerson A. Andrews R. and Frith J. The Revolver 1818 to 1865 Herbert Jenkins London 1968 d.j. a.c 360pp. Excellent.
- 37 **Book** Chamberlain W. and Taylerson A. Adams Revolvers Barrie and Jenkins London 1976 240pp. d.j. a.c. Excellent.
- Books (2) N.Z. Cavalcade of Antique Arms N.Z.A.A.A. Christchurch 1979, number 191 of 1000
 137pp. d.j. excellent and booklet, The First Ten Years, N.Z.A.A.A. Christchurch 1972 sl. sunning otherwise excellent.
- 39 **Catalogues (2)** Winchester Catalogue no.58 December 1896 reprint, 130 pp. excellent and original Hammond and Turner Christchurch 1926 catalogue no. 7. 76 pp. excellent.
- 40 **Books (Set of 2)** Blackmore H Gun makers of London 1350 to 1850 Shumway New York 1986 together with the Supplement, Museum Restorative Service New York n. d. both with d.j. in original slip case for the set. A huge opportunity for the genuine student of the early London Gun Trade. Dr. Blackmore was the Arms curator at the Tower of London and recognised as a leading World authority. Both books as new.

- **Book Barnes, Frank.** Cartridges of the World soft cover 3rd. edition of 1972 378pp. Very good condition.
- **Book, Skennerton Ian,** The British Service Lee 1880 to 1980 Signed copy. Arms and Armour Press London 1982 d.j. Excellent.
- **Book Madis, George,** The Winchester Book, Art and Reference House Texas 1979. Signed copy 639 pp. excellent.
- 44. **Book, Boothroyd, Geoffrey,** The Handgun, Bonanza Books New York 1970 564pp. plus index excellent.
- **Book, Cope, Kenneth** Stevens Pistols and Pocket Rifles Museum Restoration Service Atlanta 1971 104pp. d.j. very good.
- 46 Books (2) Carey, A Merwyn, English, Irish and Scottish Fire arm makers, W and R. Chambers London 1954 and Bailley D.W. and Nie D. English Gun Makers, Arco New York 1978 127pp. d.j. a.c. excellent.
- **Powder** Original 1 pound full unopened "flask type" orange tin by Pigou Wilks and Lawrence. Minor rust marks but good clear label 8 inches overall.
- **Powder** Original 1 pound full unopened "flask type" orange tin by Curtis and Harvey 8 inches, excellent label, good overall.
- **Powder** Original 1 pound full unopened yellow powder tin of Curtis and Harvey Amberite Smokeless excellent paint and excellent labels.
- **Powder** Original full unopened half pound Curtis and Harvey no. 4 black powder in original unopened outer brown paper wrapper.
- **Powder tin.** Original empty Curtis and Harvey ½ pound "flask type" powder tin, orange paint, good labels chipped but clear 7 inches overall.
- **Powder Tins** Three original empty powder tins being Curtis and Harvey, ½ pound no.4, black, Curtis and Harvey FFF ½ pound Special Powder for Rabbit shooting and John Hall orange 1 pound, all with minor marks, fair to good condition.
- **Gun Flask** Common top, panel with stag, hare and pheasant, Riling 989, no dents good condition or better.
- **Gun Flask** Patent top by Hawkesley, plain steel body with raised German silver seam Riling 213 No dents good condition.
- 56 Gun Flask patent top by Jas. Dixon Panel with pointers Riling700 No dents, very good condition.
- **Gun Flask** Patent top by Dixon and Sons, panel with geometric patterns, hanging rings, Riling 552, no dents good condition.
- **Gun Flask** Patent top by Hawkesley geometric pattern with shield type central panel Riling 550 no dents, good condition.
- **Shot Flask** Unsigned, brass charger, 11/4 and 11/2 ounces, base ring, Royal coat of Arms with "Dieu et Mon Droit" and "London" perfect stitching, excellent overall, rare opportunity.

- 60 **Ammunition** 2 original pkts (50 rds) Winchester Double Magnum 3 inch ctgs, 1 7/8 ounces lead no.4 shot Ideal goose loads ! As new.
- 61 **Ammunition** 5 original pkts (50 rds) Mirage Magnum 3 inch ctgs, 50gram(1 ³/₄ oz) no.3 lead shot More goose loads ! As new.
- 62 Accessory Combination 12g. bench reloading tool with capper/decapper, loading funnel, roll crimper, P Webley's design no. 6123 of 1879 Most original green paint, good condition and working order .
- 63 **Gun Case** Leather, for hammer shotgun, with 30 inch barrels, green baize and partitions all intact, leather straps includes 3 piece hard wood cleaning rod Good overall.
- 64 **Shotgun** D.B.Greener hammer shotgun no.16745, bar locks, Treble Wedge Fast action 30 inch Damascus barrels proved by 1875 rules. Wood with a superbly made steel reinforcing to wrist. Original hammers, overall fine scroll engraving, extended butt, Barrels engraved "made by W.W.Greener for H.Durand Timaru" No original finish but good working order.
- 65 **Shotgun** S.B. Belgian hammer gun with Henry Jones rotary under lever. 30 inch Damascus barrel engraved H. Durand Timaru, back action lock, butt with added recoil pad. No original finish but working order.
- 66 **Rifle** Deeley Edge MBL falling block rifle by Westley Richards with Metford barrel. 50 inches overall. 32 inch round barrel, Rear V sight and protected front sight. Stamped Metford Patent Rifling and number 1429. The action stamped "Deeley Edge Metford Patent Military Rifle. Sole Manufacturers Westley Richards and Co. Birmingham 1884." Calibre 500/450 no.2 = W. R. no.2 musket. 80% original barrel blue and most original blue to other metal. Wood excellent, almost unmarked. Sold with an original and very rare set of reloading tools in original wood box with instructions under lid, 2 pkts. Original ammunition and 19 original cases, a framed expanded article from the Timaru Herald dated 22 September 1884 when these rifles arrived in Timaru. Superb condition throughout and a World class item.
- 67 **Rifle** Single barrelled 16 bore deer rifle by James Purdey no.2061 42 inches overall, 28 inch Octagon Damascus, barrel, London proved. Platinum foresight, 3 leaf rear sight. Barrel flat engraved "J.Purdey 314 ½ Oxford Street". Bore with 10 grooves clear but slight wear. Bolted bar lock engr. With a stag. Adjustable single trigger, all steel parts beautifully scroll engraved. Minor marks to the stock which retains it's original dark colour. In associated but correct mahogany case with correct plain flask throwing 1½ drams, wad cutter, oil bottle cleaning gear mould and ball patches. See Akehurst R. "Game Guns and Rifles" page 35 for an identical rifle. This gun was sold to Lord Branstown in 1831 for 38 guineas. Another top quality item.
- 68 **Shotgun** Westley Richards D.B. percussion 13 bore no 2787 Top rib engr. Westley Richards 170 New Bond Street London. London proved, plain border engr. bar locks, hammer spurs professionally repaired. Engr. silver thumb escutcheon, good wood. In associated but correct mahogany ring handled case with flask R275, good shot flask, cleaning gear ,oil bottle tow and caps. Good repro label with the London address. No. 2787 was sold by William Bishop on 25 August 1860. Overall excellent, good bores, good mechanically.
- 69 **Ammunition** Ten original old Snider rounds ,brown paper over brass foil with black iron bases. Rare early Snider rounds.
- 70 **Ammunition** Brass shot shells being four 12g. factory loads with Ballistite and 5 empty primed cases being 28,20,16 and two 14 bore.
- Ammunition Pinfire shotshells. Factory load 12g. brown by Eley, green factory load by Blanch with raised writing, plus 11 empty new primed green cases by Eley, various sizes from 28 to 14 bore.

72 **Ammunition** Original yellow packet for Eley 3 inch 8 gauge cartridges ,red paper, roll turnover , no. 4 shot. Contains 7 mint cartridges, the packet with sl. wear all intact.

Thank you for taking the time to read our auction items to date, there is some rare and interesting collectible items available for all collectors.

Further items can be included in this auction as per the auction / Swap day flyer conditions of sale and contact person details, and send to above email addresses what you would like to include.

ON THE DAY ITEMS:

Can be included in the auction on the day (fees chargeable in the auction flyer) however they will not be advertised in the auction item list. For organising late auction items on the day, early notification would assist the organisers for tables to be available.

See next month for further updates

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS CARTRIDGE?

One of our members gave me the cartridge pictured below and asked if I could help identify it. Apparently it was found in a Whangarei Park about 20 years ago. As you can see it has been slightly squashed.



Dimensions areas follows:

OA Length	1.55 in,	Case Length	0.738 in.,		
Case Diam.	0.433 in	Rim Diam.	0.458 in	Bullet Diam	0.375 in (approx)

In a Cartridge Manual by W A Bartlett & D B Gallatin published in 1956 I found this:

"Lancaster in 1852 adopted a case with a rim like Flobert (*inventor of the rim fire cartridge*). A paper cap was pinched between the base and an internal perforated metal disc with four holes held by the rim. Thus Lancaster achieved the first true central-fire cartridge."

I wonder if this cartridge is a Lancaster type in which the base has corroded away. Your thoughts?

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

Andrew Edgcombe supplied the correct answer for last month, below left: "The mystery object is a gas check/ launching disc for a No36 Mills grenade. Screwing the disc to the base of the grenade converts the grenade from a hand to a rifle grenade in an instant. The example pictured marked NPZ is New Zealand manufactured by the Precision Engineering Company."





No 36 Grenade with Grenade Cup fitted to an SMLE

FROM THE WWW (ctrl+click to follow the link or copy and paste to your browser)

From Toombs Lewis: presentation of the Civil War in just 4 minutes.

http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/civil-war-four-minutes-2007

From Neville Dodd:

WW2 rare war photos

http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2011/10/world-war-ii-after-the-war/100180/

Ammunition Safety tests

http://www.saami.org/videos/sporting_ammunition_and_the_firefighter.cfm

NZAHAA GAZETTE INDEX - UPDATE

The index for 2005 to 2012 will be found in the January 2013 e-Gazette No 25 at : <u>http://www.armsregister.com/articles/antique_arms_e_gazette.html</u>

Members may purchase back issues from the National Secretary <u>nzahaa.secretary@gmail.com</u> for \$ 5 plus P & P.

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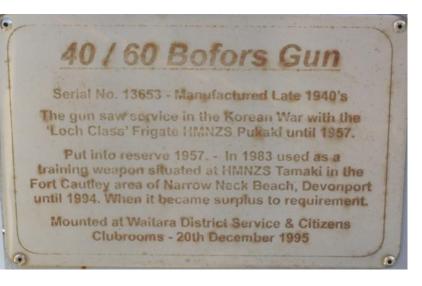
This notice arrived too late for the December Gazette

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2014 please advise <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u> 2014

11 & 12 January	Northland Branch Annual Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
23 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
8 March	Canterbury Branch Swapmeet, Riccarton
6 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction/Swap Day, Timaru
3 & 4 May	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
12 April	Hawkes Bay Branch Auction & NZAHAA AGM, Napier
12 April	Kumeu Militaria Show, Kumeu
21 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show
6 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
12 & 13 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
26 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch
16 & 17 August	Tauranga Arms & Militari Show
13 September	Canterbury Branch Swapmeet, Riccarton
25 & 26 October	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
1 & 2 November	Taranaki Branch Gun Show.

GUNS WHERE ARE THEY ? Bofers Gun at Waitara from Andrew Edgcombe





BUY, SELL OR SWAP Free to advertise for two months.

***WANTED: a** rammer for a 4" 36 Pocket Manhattan Percussion revolver on Colts style, the rammer being 2.25 inch from pivot to latch end, plus rammer head link if possible. I have a 31 cal 5" Colt pocket barrel New York address serial no 250401 complete with rammer and latch, not fine but fairly good, as is all the short lever I seek need be. I hesitate to shorten the rammer to suit when someone might just have one. My Manhattan is the same as Colts not the later style. I also have cap and both lapel badges of the Otago Regt I seek ideally a swop for Nelson cap and the lapel badges either 12th Nelson Marlborough and West Coast or the 10th Mounted Rifles. The ones I have are excellent. Contact: Maurice taylors,4@xtra.co.nz

***FOR SALE:** 9 x North Devon 11x57 Beaumont, 16 of No 2 Musket cases ,(all regular large boxer primer) plus 15 Snider cases .\$8 each , All new.

Has anyone successfully worked up a black powder 303 loading or got to making up the Chassepot round successfully I and no doubt others would be interested to learn of it. I do have the West Brothers info but have failed to duplicate their experience with Chassepot.

Contact: Maurice <u>taylors.4@xtra.co.nz</u>

*WANTED: 41 calibre rimfire shorts. Contact: e-mail jgf@wave.co.nz or ph 0275858164

***WANTED:** Bearing booster plus flash hider, if attached, for a Browning MKII machine gun. Anything considered. See pictures below. Contact: Tim Morahan 021 2676 862 Tmorahan7@me.com





WANTED

Your articles for the March and future Gazettes, contact Phil at <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

See E-Gazette Back Issues at:

http://www.armsregister.com/articles/antique_arms_e_gazette.html

CENTRAL BRANCH GUN SHOW

Otorohanga Club, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga

Sunday 23 February 2014.

9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Contacts: Kath Arnold. 07 873 8853 <u>c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz</u>.

Leo Parkes 07 873 8085

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH AUCTION/SWAP DAY PHARLAP RACEWAY GREYWAY LOUNGE TIMARU SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2014

SALES TABLES DISPLAYS AUCTION

SALES TABLES \$10 per table – bookings and payment essential

DISPLAYS (PRIZES FOR BEST DISPLAYS) CONTACT MEMBERS BELOW TO BOOK DISPLAY SPACE

AUCTION

COMMIT YOUR AUCTION ITEMS NOW AND THEY WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE E-GAZETTE (CONTACT MEMBERS BELOW) THESE AND OTHER ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT ALONG TO THE VENUE ON THE DAY TO BE AUCTIONED.

LISTING FEE CHARGED AS PER RESERVE PRICE \$0.00 TO \$99.00 = \$5.00 CHARGE \$100.00 TO \$499.00 = \$10.00 CHARGE \$500.00 AND ABOVE = \$15.00 CHARGE

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Malcolm Brady	Email –	mnb_up@yahoo.co.nz
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AUCTION

NZAHAA Inc AGM Hosted by Hawkes Bay Branch

> 12th of April 2014 In Napier

We are seeking auction items of Good quality with realistic reserves.

Cut off date for lots is 1 January 2014.

Catalogue will be restricted to 500 lots

Commission: 5% for both buyer & vendor

Contact: Paul Shoebridge E Mail: <u>jo-paul@clear.net.nz</u> or phone 06 844 7321



New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association (Wellington Branch (Inc)

We will be holding our 30th Auction on the

12th and 13th July 2014

We are accepting items now.

New Zealand's premier auction and social event with over 30 years experience in the auction of antique arms and militaria, old or modern.

> We accept all items for sale by auction, or for tender on our highly successful tender tables.

ONLY 7.5% VENDOR COMMISSION

We can offer a free pick-up service for larger collections. Talk to us about what you have.

We can arrange a pick-up in the South Island early in 2014. Advise us as soon as possible if you want to be included in this run.

For pick-ups or for any information on the auction please contact:

Steve Telephone: 04 934 2756 Fax 04 934 2966 Mobile: 0274 411785 Email: info@nzaaawgtn.org.nz

Northland Branch Invitation Shoot 2014

11th & 12th January

At Oromahoe Range

(Map and program available)

Camping at the range encouraged, but you must be self sufficient. Spit roast, spuds and coleslaw supplied on Saturday night.

Organised events on Saturday, with prizes, and the usual evening auction. So bring along your excess stuff!

All members and families are welcome.

Fee \$30 for whole weekend.

For details contact: Paul Deeming 09 435 3232 gunnerpwd@gmail.com

1st Annual Kumeu Militaria Show Sat 12 April 2014

Militaria Displays Gun Show

Food & Refreshments Military Vehicles

Expert Valuers on site (Bring in that dusty treasure)

Adults \$10 Children under 12 Free

Open to Public 9am - 5pm

Kumeu Showgrounds, Access Rd, Kumeu

Clayton 021 034 0605, Danny 021 336 207 kumeumilitariashow@gmail.com

Firearms and Military Books

Now available directly in NZ at the AUD price in NZD plus GST/P&P

Avoid the expense of importing directly from Australia

The Lee-Enfield (Skennerton) Hayes Handgun Omnibus (Hayes & Skennerton) The Broad Arrow (Skennerton) .577 Snider Enfield Rifles & Carbines (Skennerton) Martini Treatise Volume 1 & 2 (Temple & Skennerton) The .380 Enfield No2 Revolver HC & PB (Skennerton & Stamps) .303 No.4 (T) Sniper Rifle HC (Laidler & Skennerton) British Small Arms WW2 (Skennerton) Australian Service Machine Guns HC & PB (Skennerton) Boxer Cartridge in the British Service (Temple) WW1 Armament and the .303 British Cartridge HC & PB (Temple) British Machine Gun Cartridges pb (Temple) Accurising & Shooting Lee Enfields (Skennerton & Labudda) Textbook of Small Arms 1929 (HMSO) Treatise on Ammunition 1887 (HMSO) List of Changes in British Service sets Volume I-V (War Office) Guns of the Gurkhas (John Walter) Tin Hat for Tommy (J Anthony Carter) Military Ink-The Pen at War (Scott Novzen IMA) Identification Manual on the .303 British Service Cartridge (Temple) A Sure Defence - Bowie Knife book (Burton) Winchester Catalogue No 83 (WRA Co) Collector Magazine (back copies) 1-29 Sparrow Force DVD/CD set (Skennerton) Plus most of the SAIS #1-24

Full List at http://gunshows.co.nz/wordpress/ All enquiries to NZ Distributer Graeme Barber of Mainland Arms and <u>Militaria</u> Shows Ltd ph 027 435 1940 graeme.woodend@xtra.co.nz

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